COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Friday, *the* *10th of August 1928.* / *26th of Karkadagam 1103.*

The House met at Half past Eleven of the Clock with the Diwan-President in the Chair. Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur alone was absent.

Questions and Answers.

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon and the Police Commissionership.

139. Mr. K. J. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to state;—

(1) why Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon, B A., Bar-at-law, was sent to Vellore for Police training ;

(2) how many years is it now since he returned to the service after the Vellore training ;

(3) if the idea of the Government was to make Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon the Police Commissioner, what is the reason for the delay ;

(4) what was the period for which the present Police Commissioner's services were secured from British Government ;

(5) (a) was the present Police Commissioner given any extension of service in Cochin ; and

(b) if so, what was the necessity for it when there was a finished product for the post available in Cochin ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(1) With a view to his getting qualified for the place of the Commissioner of Police.

(2) More than one year.

(3) Government thought that it would be well if, before he was appointed Commissioner of Police, he acquired sufficient practical experience in the magisterial line too.

(4) Now three years and 8½ months.

(5) (a) Yes.

(b) Vide answer to part (3) above.

140. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform the House:—

(a) whether the Government have any idea to extend the term of office of the present Commissioner of Police ;

(b) whether the Government have received any petition praying for the extension of his term of office from anybody in the State ;

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(c) when is the term of office of the present Commissioner to expire ;

(d) whether the Government have decided to appoint Barrister Nilakanta Menon, the District Magistrate, as the Commissioner of Police, when Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur would leave the State service ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) No.

(b) Yes.

(c) On the afternoon of 15th August 1928.

(d) Yes.

Roads in Adoor Constituency

141. Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have now obtained from the Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats the scheme for the construction of new roads in the Adoor Constituency as ordered by the Diwan in his Proceedings, R. O. P. No. 406 of 1101, dated 18th January 1927 regarding the same ; if the answer is in the affirmative, will they be pleased to lay a copy of the same on the Council Table ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The Member is referred to the answer to question No. 112 of the Budget Session of 1102.

142. Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the work of the Maia-Adoor road will be taken up before the end of this year ; if the answer is in the negative, will they be pleased to state whether there is any special reason for not taking up the work till now as ordered by the Diwan of Cochin in his order R. O. P. No. 406/01, dated 18th January 1927 ; will they also be pleased to state the present stage of the work and when the work be completed ?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—It will not be possible to start the work before the end of 1103.

Sites have to be acquired for the road and the Diwan Peishkar has been asked to institute acquisition proceedings.

The estimate is ready.

The work has not been started as yet.

143. Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—Will the Government be pleased to state in a tabulated form the respective roads and lanes for which each of the four Panchayats in the Constituency of Adoor have budgetted for the next year, i. e., 1104 and which of them have been included in the list recommended by the Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—A list is placed on the Council Table.

144. Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have known the fact that the peo-

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